

**MINUTES OF THE CITY OF AUSTIN
PUBLIC HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES COMMITTEE**

Meeting Held June 18th, 2013
City Hall, 301 WEST SECOND STREET, in Boards and Commissions Room,
301 West Second Street, Austin. TX

Call Meeting to Order at 3:13pm.

Committee Members Present:

1. *Council Member Mike Martinez*
2. *Council Member Laura Morrison*
3. *Council Member Chris Riley*

Also present: Council Member Kathie Tovo

1. Review and approval of minutes for the committee meeting held Tuesday, May 21st, 2013.

Motion by Council Member Riley to approve the Minutes of the May 21st, 2013 meeting, seconded by Council Member Morrison, motion carries, 2-0.

2. Citizen Communications.

Rae Nalder-Olneck, Linda Greene, Gus Pena.

3. Staff briefing and possible action on the recommendations for a local and healthy food purchasing policy for the City of Austin and a healthy vending machine policy for City facilities. (Yolanda Miller, Deputy Purchasing Officer; Cassie Deleon, Manager, HHSD).

Motion by Council Member Riley to recommend to the full council to support the alternative option, the phased approach to healthy vending policy, with regular reports to the Public Health Committee, seconded by Council Member Morrison, motion carries, 3-0.

4. Briefing and possible action on the deer working group recommendations regarding human/deer conflict management. (David Lundstedt, Chair, Animal Advisory Commission).

Motion by Council Member Morrison to recommend to full Council all the Deer Working Group recommendations, seconded by Council Member Riley, the recommendations should be considered as an Item From Council(IGC), seconded by Council Member Riley, motion carries, 3-0.

5. Presentation by Front Steps on Austin Resource Center for the Homeless (ARCH) operations (Mitchell Gibbs, Executive Director, ARCH).

Director Gibbs presented on the operations of the Austin Resource Center for the Homeless (ARCH). He covered plans for a new underground structure, scan card system, and unfunded needs.

- 6. Report and possible action on Early Childhood Council (ECC) recommendations that (1) the City and Travis County align their early childhood policies with the School Readiness Action Plan and (2) the City find ways to make the Bridge Child Care Voucher Program available to families. The School Readiness Action Plan identifies goals and actions needed to improve school readiness. The Bridge Child Care Voucher Program provides short-term child care vouchers to low-income families. (ECC Chair, Kyle Holder; Sue Carpenter, Sr. Director, Success By 6).**
Motion by Council Member Morrison endorsing the Plan presented and bring it to the full Council as an Item From Council, seconded by Council Member Riley, motion passes 3-0.

- 7. Staff briefing on the Women's & Children's Shelter (Stephanie Hayden, Assistant Director, HHSD).**

Committee members expressed support with staff fast tracking the improvements to the Women's & Children's Shelter.

- 8. Staff briefing and possible action on the suggested process for social services request for proposals. (Stephanie Hayden, Assistant Director, HHSD).**

Item was presented by staff. Council; Member Morrison asked for an updated presentation, including current and proposed funding structure combined.

- 9. Consider agenda items for next meeting, scheduled for 3:00 pm on Tuesday, August 20th, 2013, or at the call of the committee chair.**

Adjourned at 5:19